

PROCEEDINGS OF PIERCE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 5, 2022

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 5, 2022. Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Brossart, Hoffert, Berg and Migler present.

Chairman Christenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Brossart, to accept the March minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Migler, to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, to approve Treasurer's checks #6226-6230, in the amount of \$240.82, for the month of March. Motion carried.

After reviewing the financial report, moved by Migler and seconded by Berg, to accept the financial report for the month of March. Motion carried.

Board reviewed abatement application submitted by Douglas Pierson, for tax year 2021, (2022-3), on the following described property as Lot 2 & East 25' of Lot 3, Block 4, Erickson's Addition, located in the City of Rugby. After review, moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg, to approve the abatement application, as recommended by the Tax Director, as it qualifies for homestead credit. Motion carried.

Board reviewed abatement application submitted by Larry & Ellen Mae Slaubaugh, LE, for tax year 2021 (2022-5-11), on the following described property as S1/2NE1/4, Lots 1-2, (2), to lower the true and full value from 7,688 to 6,592; Lots 3-4-5-6 (2), to lower the true and full value from 7,193 to 5,883; Lot 7, NE1/4SE1/4 (2), to lower the true and full value from 3,663, to 1,150; Lake Bottom Lots 31-32-33 (10), to lower the true and full value from 1,321 to 107; Lot 6 (10), to lower the true and full value from 277 to 109; Lot 7 (10), to lower the true and full value from 655 to 117; Lake Bottom Lots 22-23-24 (10), to lower the true and full value from 1,274 to 146; and Lake Bottom Lots 1-2-3 (11), to lower the true and full value from 1,903 to 165; all located in Township 158 N. Range 70 West, Pierce County, North Dakota. Moved by Berg and seconded by Brossart, to lower the true and full value for the above-described property, for tax year 2021, as recommended by the Tax Director, as qualifies as inundated acres. Motion carried.

Judge Michael Hurly met with the board and asked if they would consider giving him a 99-year easement to install a fence on the west side of the shrubs which would be county property. Moved by Brossart and seconded by Hoffert, to draw up a 99-year easement, with the stipulation that the fence is the responsibility of the owner and not the county. Motion carried.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff and Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, joined the meeting.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, met and gave the board a report for the month of March, for his department. Total calls-32; Medical calls-3; Fire calls-1; Traffic accidents-none; Assist Other Agencies-5; Prisoner Transports-3; Arrests-5; Citations-5; Papers served-18; Warrants served-4.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, informed the board that he had received the Durango that is being purchased with Stone Garden Grant Funds. Josh said that he has not been able to get a quote or bid on a Tahoe from either dealership and that they are hard to find. Josh said that he has received a quote from M J McGuires on a Durango for his department. The Durango will be purchased with ARPA Funds.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of March. Moved by Migler and seconded by Brossart, to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid, for the month of March, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for March, which was 68. April currently has 74 inmates. High 76. Bookings 54, Releases-53. Pierce County inmate population for March was 7. Deficit \$12,923.26, for the month of February. Personnel 22/24 officers and one (1) new hire expected to start on April 12th. Miscellaneous- Air purification system is installed. DOCR annual inspection will start on Thursday, April 7th. Mike also stated that contract updates would be going out soon.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Brossart, to approve the financial report for the month of February, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:15 A.M, with all members present.

Kelsey Siegler, DES Coordinator, met with the board concerning a Fire Emergency, Fireworks Ban & Burn Ban Declaration. After discussion, it was moved by Berg and seconded by Migler, to issue a Fire Emergency, Fireworks Ban and Burn Ban Declaration for Pierce County, North Dakota, to include recreational burning, open burning (Any burning that takes place in an unenclosed space. Includes the burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage and pits, construction debris, fallen trees, crop residue or hay land, sloughs and bonfires) also, banning the use of fire to demolish structures when the North Dakota Fire Danger Index is in the "High, Very High or Extreme" Index and /or a "Red Flag Warning" has been issued for Pierce County. However, these restrictions do not ban the use of grills or commercially sold enclosed firepits, but it is required that grills or enclosed fire devices be on a hard non-organic surface and be a minimum of 15 feet away from any dry vegetation when the Fire Danger Index is High, Very High, or Extreme. The use of Fireworks is prohibited when the fire index rating is High, Very High or Extreme or a "Red Flag Warning" has been issued. Be it also required that any controlled burn occurring within the limits of Pierce County be reported to the Law Enforcement Center by calling (701) 776-5245 and supply the name of the responsible party, contact number and location of the burn along with any other requested information. This burn ban and firework restrictions are in effect for Pierce County, but does not apply to the incorporated cities of Balta, Rugby or Wolford. The daily Rangeland Fire Index can be found at the following website: www.ndresponse.gov. Any individual who willfully violates this burn ban by local order NDCC 37-17.1-10.1 is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor. The maximum penalties for a Class B Misdemeanor are up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$1500.00 fine. This burn ban will expire on October 31, 2022. Declaration adopted. Burn Ban Declaration is on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's office.

Steve Jacobson, B& J Excavating and Ritterman Trucking, joined the meeting.

As the hour of 9:30 A.M., was past, the chairman called for the opening of the bids for Clay and Graveling and Machine Hire, for the 2022 construction season. After reviewing the bids for Claying and Graveling and Machine Hire, moved by Hoffert and seconded by Migler, to accept all bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Brossart, that annual payment be made from the Road Districts to Road & Bridge, for blading and snow removal, for township roads with motorgrader. Motion carried.

Board reviewed correspondence from Anthony Coffman, Community Service Coordinator, for the month of March.

Board reviewed correspondence from North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund, pertaining to electing a representative, to serve on the board of directors. Moved by Migler and seconded by Berg, authorizing the chairman to cast a proxy vote, to elect Chad Peterson, to the Board of Directors, to represent counties on the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Galen J. Mack, States Attorney, joined the meeting. Pictures were given to Galen J. Mack, on farming that is currently being done on farm to market right of way. The board requested that a letter be written to all farmers that are involved in farming on the right of way.

Jeremy Bohner, TrueNorthSteel, joined the meeting.

After 10:45 A.M., was past, the chairman called for the opening of the culvert bids. One bid received from TrueNorthSteel. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, to accept the bid from TrueNorth Steel. Motion carried.

Brian Kraft, RDO Equipment Rep, met with the board and recommended that the board advertise for a new motorgrader as the availability is out six (6) to eight (8) months. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Migler, to call for bids, for the purchase of one (1) newer or 2022 four-wheel drive motorgrader, with front wheel assist. Bids to be opened on May 3, 2022, at 11:30 A.M. Motion carried.

Discussed amongst the board were the funds received from HB 1505- on what portion of the funds they would like to give to the townships. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Migler, that the county will give each township \$10,000 to be used for graveling. In order for the township to receive these funds, the township will have to submit an invoice from the contractor showing the amount and a copy of the check that was used to pay for the graveling. Once this information is presented to the auditor-treasurer's office, a check will be written to the township, once approved by the board of commissioners. Townships are encouraged to do the graveling in the 2022 season. Motion carried.

Board discussed placing a mill levy request on the upcoming Primary Election.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE MILL LEVY REQUEST ON THE BALLOT

WHEREAS, NDCC 57-15-06.7 (2) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners for Pierce County, North Dakota, to levy annually a tax not exceeding two (2) mills for the purpose of extension work as provided in NDCC 11-38-01.

WHEREAS, board of county commissioners may submit to the electors at a primary or general election question of approval of voter-approved additional levy authority for extension work, for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, and if approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, the board of county commissioners may levy an additional tax not exceeding an additional two (2) mills pursuant to NDCC 57-15-06.7 (2).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the question of levying up to an additional one (1) mill if needed for extension work (i.e., not to exceed a total of three (3) mills be submitted to the voters of Pierce County, North Dakota, at the primary election to be held June 14, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor-Treasurer, for Pierce County, North Dakota, be instructed to place the above question on the ballot at the 2022 primary election.

Moved by Commissioner Migler and seconded by Commissioner Hoffert, to approve this Resolution and the placement of the matter on the ballot at the 2022 primary election.

Upon roll call vote on April 5, 2022:

“AYE” Brossart, Hoffert, Berg, Migler and Christenson

“NAY”

Resolution was unanimously passed and is declared adopted. Resolution is on file in the Auditor-Treasurer’s office.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 A.M.. Seconded by Hoffert. Motion carried.

Karin Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

Mike Christenson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

MARCH					
NDPERS	LIFE INS.	\$	530.21	ONLINE	3/4/2022
PIERCE CO. PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL	\$	26,333.23	56427	3/7/2022
PIERCE CO. PAYROLL ACCT.	PAY.DED.	\$	7,236.85	56428	3/7/2022
PIERCE CO. PAYROLL ACCT.	FEES	\$	64.54	56429	3/7/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX	\$	258.59	56430	3/7/2022
NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC	SERVICES	\$	254.00	56431	3/10/2022
HACTC RES.FUND	HACTC	\$	895.50	56432	3/10/2022
QUADIENT LEASING	HACTC	\$	182.97	56433	3/10/2022
PITNEY BOWES	HACTC	\$	1,004.67	56434	3/10/2022
NDTC	HACTC	\$	852.06	56435	3/10/2022
NDTC	SERVICES	\$	1,632.34	56436	3/10/2022
J.P.MORGAN	CR.CARD CHGS.	\$	2,014.79	ONLINE	3/16/2022
CITY OF RUGBY	STONEGARDEN GI	\$	265.40	56437	3/17/2022
PEACE GARDEN PEACE OFFICE	FEES DUES	\$	50.00	56438	3/17/2022
OTTER TAIL POWER	SERVICES	\$	6,934.49	56439	3/17/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL	\$	62,437.75	56440	3/18/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAY.DED.	\$	18,311.64	56441	3/18/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	FEES	\$	36.08	56442	3/18/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX	\$	693.37	56443	3/18/2022
BALTIMORE CO. OCS	GARNISH	\$	833.00	56444	3/18/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL	\$	76,271.99	56445	3/21/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAY.DED.	\$	22,135.71	56446	3/21/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	FEES	\$	37.20	56447	3/21/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX	\$	868.14	56448	3/21/2022
NATIONWIDE RETIRE.SOLUTIONS	PAY.DED	\$	2,489.40	56449	3/21/2022
NATIONWIDE RETIRE.SOLUTIONS	HACTC	\$	2,078.03	56450	3/21/2022

SWS CREDIT SERVICE	GARNISH	\$	100.00	56451	3/21/2022
SECURITY BENEFIT	PAY.DED.	\$	1,673.97	56452	3/21/2022
EBIX HEALTH	HACTC	\$	29.76	56453	3/21/2022
AFLAC	PAY.DED.,HACTC	\$	1,415.78	56454	3/21/2022
COLONIAL LIFE	HACTC	\$	51.75	56455	3/21/2022
NDPERS	RETIRE.BEN.,HACTC	\$	25,763.23	ONLINE	3/24/2022
OTTER TAIL POWER	HACTC	\$	7,425.43	56456	3/24/2022
QUADIENT FINANCE	HACTC	\$	200.00	56457	3/24/2022
UPS	HACTC	\$	46.14	56458	3/24/2022
PARSONS, ERICA	REFUND	\$	16.48	56459	3/24/2022
NDPHIT	H.INS.BEN.,HACTC	\$	70,139.38	ONLINE	4/1/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL	\$	25,566.44	56507	4/4/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAY.DED.	\$	7,001.91	56508	4/4/2022
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	FEES	\$	64.54	56509	4/4/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX	\$	247.15	56510	4/4/2022
HACTC	HACTC BILLS	\$	58,011.05	56511-56542	4/5/2022
AVI SYSTEMS	HACTC-ARPA	\$	9,677.27	56543	4/5/2022
BARTSCH ELECTRIC	HACTC-ARPA	\$	7,500.00	56544	4/5/2022
NDPERS	LIFE INS.	\$	536.28	ONLINE	4/6/2022
CHRISTENSON, MIKE	MIL	\$	113.49	56546	4/6/2022
HOFFERT, TERRY	MIL	\$	22.23	56547	4/6/2022
MIGLER, DAVID	MIL	\$	293.67	56548	4/6/2022
NDSU	SOIL TESTING	\$	408.00	56549	4/6/2022
UNDERGROUND VAULTS	SERVICES	\$	234.17	56550	4/6/2022
FURSATHER, KARIN	MIL	\$	22.23	56551	4/6/2022
LAQUINTA	SERVICES	\$	172.80	56552	4/6/2022

MACK LAW OFFICE	MARCH-EXPENSE	\$	383.70	56553	4/6/2022
MIRON, LORI	MIL	\$	70.20	56554	4/6/2022
ND CO. RECORDERS ASSOC.	REG.FEE	\$	200.00	56555	4/6/2022
SIEGLER, KELSEY	MIL	\$	133.38	56556	4/6/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	S.SERV.SUPLI,POS	\$	119.31	56557	4/6/2022
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	S.SERV.LEASE	\$	202.84	56558	4/6/2022
B & M LAUNDRY	SERVICES	\$	81.76	56559	4/6/2022
SCHOCK'S SAFE & LOCK	ALARM LOCK	\$	1,645.00	56560	4/6/2022
STEINS	SUPPLI	\$	59.65	56561	4/6/2022
JOHNSON CONTROLS	BATTERIES	\$	176.87	56562	4/6/2022
NORTH CENTRAL BUILDERS	CHIMNEY REMOVA	\$	5,557.00	56563	4/6/2022
CIRCLE SANITATION	SERVICES	\$	156.00	56564	4/6/2022
RUGBY HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLI	\$	142.95	56565	4/6/2022
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATION	SUPPLI	\$	2,760.00	56566	4/6/2022
CITY OF RUGBY	WATER	\$	608.11	56567	4/6/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISH	\$	847.79	56568	4/6/2022
VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SERVICE FEES	\$	1,750.00	56569	4/6/2022
GAFFANEYS	MAINT.	\$	295.50	56570	4/6/2022
COMPUTER STORE	SUPPLI,SERV.	\$	355.09	56571	4/6/2022
I DESIGN	SUPPLI	\$	81.70	56572	4/6/2022
QUADIENT FINANCE	POSTAGE	\$	1,000.00	56573	4/6/2022
QUADIENT LEASING	LEASE	\$	1,035.00	56574	4/6/2022
ITD	SERVICES	\$	2,986.77	56575	4/6/2022
RUGBY INSURANCE	INS.	\$	34,503.40	56576	4/6/2022
NELSON AUTO CEN.	STONEGARD.GRAI	\$	41,300.68	56577	4/6/2022
BRAD'S TOWING & AUTO	SERVICES,TIRES	\$	1,088.00	56578	4/6/2022

C & H REPAIR	SERVICES	\$	85.00	56579	4/6/2022
SPARTAN FIREARMS	AMMO.	\$	234.00	56580	4/6/2022
RUGBY SERVICE CENTER	GAS	\$	1,693.81	56581	4/6/2022
ENVISION	GAS	\$	404.31	56582	4/6/2022
HACTC	SUPPLI	\$	101.58	56583	4/6/2022
HACTC	BD.PRIS./PRIS.EXF	\$	7,931.22	56584	4/6/2022
HACTC	PRIS.EXP.	\$	5.59	56585	4/6/2022
OFFICE OF ATTY.GEN.	SCRAM FEES Feb8	\$	900.00	56586	4/6/2022
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LAB	SERVICES	\$	309.72	56587	4/6/2022
SIEGLER, KELSEY	MIL	\$	70.20	56588	4/6/2022
COMPUTER EXPRESS	SERVICES-MAR/AF	\$	2,650.00	56589	4/6/2022
WIELER, TANYA	H.R.SERV.-MARCH	\$	1,000.00	56590	4/6/2022
RUGBY BROADCASTERS	ADV.	\$	152.00	56591	4/6/2022
ND ASSOC. OF COUNTIES	D & A TEST	\$	136.00	56592	4/6/2022
I SOLVED	LEASE	\$	253.07	56593	4/6/2022
ND STATE RADIO	EVERBRIDGE FEE	\$	1,046.84	56594	4/6/2022
VILLAGE FAMILY SERV.CEN.	EAP CONTRACT	\$	1,560.00	56595	4/6/2022
SOURIS BASIN PLANNING	JT.POWERS 2022	\$	4,076.00	56596	4/6/2022
MATTHEW BENDER	SUPPLI	\$	252.31	56597	4/6/2022
ND STATE RADIO	LETS,FEE	\$	263.00	56598	4/6/2022
LIENS JEWELRY	SUPPLI	\$	70.00	56599	4/6/2022
ND DEPT. OF TRANS.	PROJ.SC3500(021)	\$	1,846.62	56600	4/6/2022
OTTER TAIL POWER	SERVICES	\$	260.49	56601	4/6/2022
ENVISION	DIESEL,PROPANE	\$	13,957.81	56602	4/6/2022
RDO EQUIPMENT	SUPPLI	\$	993.19	56603	4/6/2022
H.E.EVERSON	SUPPLI	\$	27.06	56604	4/6/2022

RUGBY AUTO PARTS	SUPPLI	\$	10.39	56605	4/6/2022
CITY OF BALTA	CO.SHOP GARB/SE	\$	396.00	56606	4/6/2022
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLI	\$	65.46	56607	4/6/2022
CITY OF WOLFORD	SHOP GARB. 2022	\$	404.00	56608	4/6/2022
ENVISION	SUPPLI	\$	357.04	56609	4/6/2022
RUGBY HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLI	\$	44.95	56610	4/6/2022
LINDE GAS & EQUIP.	SUPPLI FEB,MAR.	\$	272.63	56611	4/6/2022
BUTLER MACHINERY	SUPPLI	\$	322.00	56612	4/6/2022
NEWMAN SIGNS	SIGNS	\$	2,560.80	56613	4/6/2022
SIGN SOLUTIONS	SIGNS	\$	572.48	56614	4/6/2022
SELENSKY, RONALD	TAR	\$	3,824.00	56615	4/6/2022
SELENSKY, RONALD	SERVICES	\$	6,227.50	56616	4/6/2022
ZEIEN, PAUL	MIL	\$	153.27	56617	4/6/2022
ZEIEN, PAUL	MIL	\$	281.97	56618	4/6/2022
LYSNE, DAREN	MIL	\$	53.82	56619	4/6/2022
KLEBE, BRENDEN	MIL	\$	75.46	56620	4/6/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	CO.AG.INTERNET	\$	240.00	56621	4/6/2022
POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES-FEB.MA	\$	6.00	56622	4/6/2022
NDTC	SERVICES	\$	203.66	56623	4/6/2022
ND COMM.CORR.ASSOC.	INS.	\$	110.25	56624	4/6/2022
COFFMAN, TONY	MIL	\$	278.46	56625	4/6/2022
B & J EXCAVATING	SERVICES	\$	4,955.00	56626	4/6/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	UNORG.TWP.ANNI	\$	48,805.00	56627	4/6/2022
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	UNORG.TWP.ANNI	\$	57,835.00	56628	4/6/2022
		\$	717,310.76		

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL *****	*****	\$ 255,345.34
ROAD & BRIDGE*****	*****	\$ 80,767.88
ROAD DIST.*****	*****	\$ 111,225.83
COUNTY AGENT*****	*****	\$ 4,278.56
COUNTY AGENT ACTIV.*****	*****	\$ 408.00
COMM.SERVICE*****	*****	\$ 3,200.84
WEED*****	*****	\$ 141.40
VET SERVICE*****	*****	\$ 613.84
E9-1-1*****	*****	\$ 3,264.90
HACTC*****	*****	\$ 238,493.41
FM.TO MKT.*****	*****	\$ 2,146.62
PRESERVATION FUND*****	*****	\$ 246.87
ARPA FUNDS*****	*****	\$ 17,177.27
TOTAL*****	*****	\$ 717,310.76